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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) The area under rubber plantation in Madras State at the end of 1956 was 10,346 (ten thousand three hundred and forty-six) acres.

(b) "Rubber industry" is a Central subject. There is no proposal to open a rubber research laboratory in the Madras State by the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What has happened to the proposal of the Dunlop Company opening a rubber factory?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : They are making progress.

Channel from Nagalkulam

* 142 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any scheme for the excavation of a new supply channel from Nagalkulam to Alangulam in the Tirunelveli district has been evolved; and

(b) if so, the present stage of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) A scheme comprising the excavation of a new channel from below the surplus weir of the Nagalkulam up to Thottiankulam in Alankulam village estimated to cost Rs. 3·6 lakhs for benefiting about 200 acres, was examined but dropped in view of its high cost and uncertainty of supplies available.

SRI D. S. AUTHIMOOLAM : இதற்கு அதிகப்படியான முதலீடு செய்ய வேண்டுமென்றும், அதிலிருந்து வரக்கூடிய லாபம் அதிகமில்லை என்றும் மந்திரி சொன்னார்கள். அப்படியானால், இந்தத் திட்டம் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறதா? அல்லது ஒரேயடியாகக் கைவிடப்பட்டதா?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : ஒரேயடியாகக் கைவிடப்பட்டது. செலவழித்தாலும் லாபம் வராததால் இது ஒரேயடியாகக் கைவிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

Food situation

* 143 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :
SRI W. P. A. R. CHANDRASEKARAN : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication recently from the Centre regarding food situation in the State;

(b) if so, whether any reply has been sent; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) In a communication sent to this Government, the Government of India, desired that in order to solve food difficulties, this Government should take steps to see that wastage of food is